

5 VOCABULARY family

- a Look at the family portrait again. What is the relationship between...?

10 and 7 *brother-in-law and sister-in-law*

6 and 12 _____

8 and 4 _____

13 and 9 _____

- b  p.158 Vocabulary Bank Family.

- c Test your memory. Do the quiz with a partner.

Family quiz

What do you call...?

- 1 your grandmother's mother
- 2 all your relatives, including aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.
- 3 a family where there is only a mother or a father

What's the difference between...?

- 4 a *stepbrother* and a *half-brother*
- 5 a *nuclear* family and an *extended* family
- 6 *take after* your father and *look like* your father

Replace the highlighted phrase with an idiom.

- 7 My sister and my cousin don't speak to each other.
- 8 My brother and I don't have the same opinions about politics.
- 9 Who is the dominant partner in their marriage?
- 10 They're a strange family. I'm sure they have a few dark secrets.

- d Answer the questions below with a partner. Try to use the **bold** words.

- Who do you **take after** in your family? In what way?
- Who are you **closest to** in your family?
- Is there anyone in your family you **don't get on with**?
- Are there any subjects on which you don't **see eye to eye** with other members of your family?
- Are there any people in your family who aren't **on speaking terms**?
- Are there any physical characteristics which **run in your family**?
- How often do you have **family get-togethers**? Do you enjoy them?
- Is there a **black sheep** in your family?

6 PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING rhythm and intonation

- a Work in groups of three or four. You are going to debate some of the topics below. Each student must choose a different topic and make brief notes about what he or she thinks.

Children are left far too much on their own nowadays. It would be better if one parent didn't work and stayed at home until the children leave school.


Working parents should not use their own parents to look after their children. Grandparents should be allowed to relax and enjoy their retirement.

Your parents brought you up, so it's your responsibility to look after them when they're old.

In the 21st century, friends are the new family.

It's better to be an only child than to have brothers and sisters. You get all your parents' love and attention.

The family is a trap from which it can be difficult to escape.

- b  1.10 Listen to the phrases and underline the stressed syllables. Then listen again and repeat them, copying the rhythm and intonation.

agreeing

- 1 I quite agree.
- 2 I totally agree.
- 3 That's what I think, too.
- 4 Absolutely!

half-agreeing

- 5 I take your point, but...
- 6 I see what you mean, but...
- 7 I agree up to a point, but...

disagreeing

- 8 I completely disagree.
- 9 I don't agree at all.

- c Have a short debate on the topics you have each chosen. The person who made the notes should give their opinion first, and then the rest of the group say what they think. Try to use language from the box in **b** to agree or disagree with the other people in your group.

1 21st century families in the UK

Read the information about 21st century families in the UK. What do the **bold** expressions mean?
With a partner, say if the same is true in your country.

The **nuclear family** is no longer the norm. Because of divorce and people remarrying, many children live with **step-parents** and have **half-brothers** or **half-sisters**, or **stepbrothers** and **stepsisters**.

Members of **extended families** no longer live close to each other in the same town, but are very often **spread out** around the country or even abroad, so many people rarely see their **relatives**.

One in four families is a **single-parent** family. According to a recent survey, 91% of single parents are women. As a result many children **grow up** today without a **father figure**.

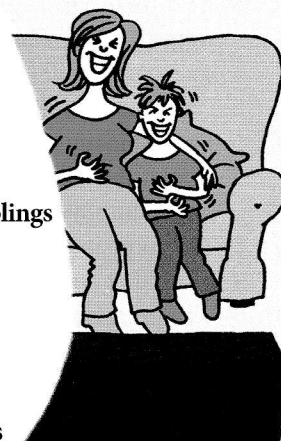
Due to the fact that people are living longer, many more children have **great-grandparents**, or even **great-great-grandparents**.

2 Describing families

Circle the right word or expression from the pair on the right. Tick the two sentences where both options are possible.

- He ☐ his mother. They have exactly the same sense of humour.
- Jack is a ☐ relative. He's my father's second cousin.
- She's ☐ child. She has no brothers or sisters.
- My sister and I are very ☐. We're both cheerful and hard-working.
- They are a very ☐ family. They enjoy spending time together.
- After their parents died, the ☐ rarely met.
- His mother died when he was young. He was ☐ by his father.
- My father was a farmer so I ☐ in the country, surrounded by animals.
- My niece has ☐ a lot recently. She's now almost as tall as I am.
- I have a very good ☐ with my cousins. We see a lot of each other.
- It's going to be a small wedding. Only a few friends and ☐ have been invited.
- My ☐ originally came from Ireland.

takes after / looks like
far / **distant**
a **single** / an **only**
alike / like
close / near
brothers and sisters / **siblings**
educated / brought up
grew / grew up
grown / grown up
relation / relationship
relations / **relatives**
ancestors / **descendants**



3 Family idioms

Match to the idioms 1–8 to their meaning A–H.

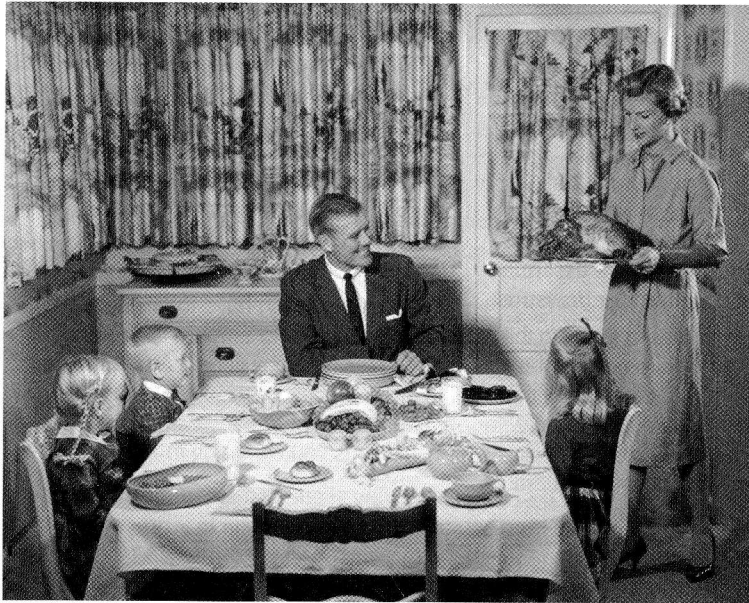
- My sister is **the black sheep** of the family.
- My father doesn't **see eye to eye** with my brother about politics.
- My aunt and I are **not on speaking terms**.
- We usually have a family **get-together** at Christmas.
- My sister-in-law **wears the trousers** in that marriage!
- Red hair **runs in the family**.
- Most families **have a skeleton in the cupboard**.
- He's your brother! How can you say that about your **own flesh and blood**?

- having very different opinions on the matter
- making the decisions and telling her husband what to do
- not talking to each other
- Something happened in the past that they would prefer to keep secret.
- You are related to each other.
- different from the rest of the family who don't approve of them
- Several people in the family have it.
- We all meet in someone's house for a meal.

Can you remember the words on this page? Test yourself or a partner.

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- A** **a** Describe your photo to **B** in detail. Then listen to **B** describe his / her photo. Discuss what the photos have in common and in what way(s) they are different.



- b** Discuss the following statements with **B**, giving reasons for your opinions. Do you agree or disagree?
- 1 It's very important for families to have at least one meal together per day without the TV on.
 - 2 It's impossible for a man to either look after a child or do housework as well as a woman.
 - 3 Children should be encouraged to leave home once they've turned 18.
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 - 5 Children need a male and female parent as a role model.

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